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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy:—

Second Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Group Captain Denys Edgar GILLAM, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F.O.

Since being awarded a bar to the D.S.O., Group Captain Gillam has completed more than 80 sorties, involving attacks on enemy troop and tank concentrations, ammunition stores, locomotives and other targets on the ground. Within recent weeks, he has led formations of aircraft against several important and heavily defended targets. These missions called for a high degree of skill and resolution and the success achieved is a splendid tribute to this officer's outstanding leadership and ability. He has set an example of a very high order.

Bar to Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Wing Commander Alan Michael MURPHY, D.F.C., D.S.O. (33346), R.A.F.

Since being awarded the D.S.O. this officer has participated in a large number of sorties, involving attacks on a wide range of targets. In these operations, Wing Commander Murphy has most effectively attacked many enemy locomotives; he has also been responsible for the destruction of 2 enemy aircraft and very many mechanical vehicles during the period. His outstanding skill, gallant leadership and iron determination have been reflected in the fine fighting qualities of his squadron which has won much success.

Distinguished Service Order.

Acting Squadron Hubert George KEILLOR, D.F.C. (Can/J.7548), R.C.A.F., 524 Sqn.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Charles Alphons WONDOLOWSKI, D.F.C. (Can/J.21768), R.C.A.F., 524 Sqn.

As pilot and navigator respectively these officers have, within recent months, participated in several attacks on enemy shipping during which they have shown the highest qualities of skill, courage and determination. One night in November, 1944, they attacked a force of 8 E boats near Ijmuiden. Two bombing runs were executed and a hit was obtained on the leading vessel. In spite of much fire from the ships, another attacking run was made. It proved abortive as the bombs failed to release. Undeterred, Squadron Leader Keillor made 3 more runs over the target and finally the remainder of

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officer Ewen GILLIES, D.F.C. (141534), R.A.F.V.R., 254 Sqn.

Flying Officer Gillies has completed very many sorties and has at all times shown outstanding keenness and devotion to duty. He flew with much distinction in two recent attacks on shipping in the heavily defended area of Den Helder. In November, 1944, Flying Officer Gillies took part in an attack on an enemy convoy. In the fight he displayed great determination and made several runs over the target to press home his attack. His example has proved most inspiring.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley William GOOCH (89328), R.A.F.V.R., 58 Sqn.

This officer has participated in a large number of sorties and has displayed a high standard of devotion to duty throughout. On one occasion, in August, 1944, his aircraft was badly hit whilst attacking three E-boats. Nevertheless, Squadron Leader Gooch flew it to base. This officer has taken part in several attacks on enemy shipping during which he has displayed commendable skill and courage.

Flight Lieutenant Harry West BURROUGHS (125446), R.A.F.V.R., 58 Sqn.

This officer has completed many sorties, including a number of successful attacks on enemy shipping. In November, 1944, he pressed home a most determined and accurate attack on a medium sized vessel in enemy waters. Two of the bombs from his aircraft struck the ship. From amidships a great column of smoke arose. Only a few minutes later a sheet of flame came from the vessel of which nothing could afterwards be seen. The success obtained reflects the greatest credit on the skill and resolution of this pilot.

Flight Lieutenant John CAPEY (128550), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.

This officer has displayed great skill and courage in several notable attacks on enemy shipping. One night in November, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Capey piloted an aircraft in an attack on a medium sized merchant vessel in enemy waters. The attack was pressed home successfully and a great column of smoke was seen to rise from the vessel amidships. This officer has displayed the highest standard of devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant Grange Lionel CONNER (89632), R.A.F.V.R., 58 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Conner has taken part in several attacks on enemy shipping, including a fight with a U-boat. In November, 1944, he was navigator/bomb-aimer in an aircraft which attacked a small convoy of two merchant vessels and two armed ships. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Conner aimed his bombs with great accuracy and hit one of the vessels which caught fire. This officer has invariably displayed notable courage and coolness.

Flight Lieutenant David Charles FAIRBANKS (Can/J.9096), R.C.A.F., 274 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant Fairbanks has completed a large number of sorties and has set a fine example of determination and devotion to duty throughout. On one occasion in November, 1944, whilst attacking an enemy locomotive, his aircraft was badly hit and turned completely over whilst at a low altitude. One of the petrol tanks was pierced and a fire commenced in one of the wings. Displaying admirable coolness and great skill, Flight Lieutenant Fairbanks succeeded in righting the aircraft and set course for home. The fire in the wing died down but not before it had done much damage. Nevertheless, Flight Lieutenant Fairbanks succeeded in reaching base. This officer has invariably displayed a high degree of courage.

Flight Lieutenant Campbell Edward LYE (N.Z.415333), R.N.Z.A.F., 214 Sqn.

This officer is a highly efficient and resolute pilot and captain. He has completed a large number of sorties and throughout has set a fine example of devotion to duty. One night in November, 1944, he piloted an aircraft in an attack on Freiburg. Before reaching the target the port inner engine failed. Some height was lost but Flight Lieutenant Lye continued to the target and afterwards flew the aircraft back to this country to complete his mission successfully. His determination was typical of that which he has shown throughout his tour.

Flight Lieutenant William Garth POWELL (106361), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.

This officer has displayed a high standard of ability and determination in his attacks on enemy shipping. One night in November, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Powell piloted one of two aircraft which successfully attacked a medium sized merchant vessel in enemy waters. In the engagement this pilot displayed a high degree of skill which played a good part in the result obtained. Flight Lieutenant Powell has completed much operational flying and has set a fine example throughout.

Flight Lieutenant Dennis Hewitt PRUDEN (101558), R.A.F.V.R., 502 Sqn.

This officer has completed numerous sorties on his second tour of operational duty. He has, within recent months, taken part in several attacks on shipping. In November, 1944, Flight Lieutenant Pruden pressed home a most determined attack on one of a force of four enemy ships in enemy waters. In November, 1944, this officer piloted an aircraft in an attack on one of two medium sized merchantmen, escorted by two armed vessels. In spite of considerable anti-aircraft fire, Flight Lieutenant Pruden made a good run in to straddle one of the merchant vessels with his bombs. This officer has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Flight Lieutenant James Spence SHIACH (Can/J.14126), R.C.A.F., 58 Sqn.

This officer has completed very many sorties and throughout has set a fine example of keenness and skill. In October, 1944, as pilot of aircraft, he executed a most determined attack on 2 merchantmen. In spite of accurate and concentrated anti-aircraft fire from two escorting vessels, Flight Lieutenant Shiach pressed home his attack and obtained hits on one of the merchantmen and one of the escorting vessels, which caught fire. This officer displayed courage and resolution worthy of high praise.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Francis John RUSH (Can/J.23331), R.C.A.F., 502 Sqn.

Pilot Officer James Patrick LUCY (Aus.414868), R.A.A.F., 502 Sqn.

As pilot and navigator-bomb aimer respectively these officers have participated in very many operational missions. Within recent months they have completed several attacks on enemy shipping and the good results obtained are an excellent testi-

mony to their skill and co-operation. One night in November, 1944, they successfully attacked one of four enemy vessels. Some nights later they attacked another medium sized merchantman and obtained hits which caused much smoke to pour from various parts of the vessel. Flight Lieutenant Rush and Pilot Officer Lucy have at all times displayed exceptional keenness and devotion to duty.

Flying Officer John William SMITH (51068), R.A.F., 515 Sqn.

As observer this officer has participated in very many sorties. Throughout he has displayed great keenness and devotion to duty, setting a very fine example. On a recent occasion, Flying Officer Smith was the observer in an aircraft detailed for a sortie far into enemy territory. During this well planned and brilliantly executed operation, 2 enemy aircraft were shot down and 3 more on the ground were most effectively attacked. By his skill and co-operation, Flying Officer Smith contributed materially to the success achieved.

Warrant Officer Sidney Douglas JAMES (938512), R.A.F.V.R., 209 Sqn.

Warrant Officer James has completed a very large number of sorties. Throughout he has displayed the highest standard of keenness and skill and has proved himself to be an invaluable crew member. His coolness and resource in emergency have set an excellent example.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying).

1579116 Flight Sergeant Frederick TOMKINS, R.A.F.V.R., 180 Sqn.

In December, 1944, this airman was the wireless operator in an aircraft detailed to attack a target in the Stralen area. During the sortie the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and sustained damage. The navigator and the pilot were wounded, the latter severely. Some Verey cartridges near the pilot were set alight. The cockpit became filled with smoke which obscured most of the flying instruments. A small fire started amidships. Flight Sergeant Tomkins saw that the navigator was dealing successfully with the fire so he promptly crawled over the bomb bay to assist the injured pilot who, by now, was in a state bordering on collapse. He rallied when succoured by Sergeant Tomkins who afterwards took over the controls and flew the aircraft to an airfield in friendly territory. Here, under the instructions of his wounded pilot, he brought the aircraft down safely. In the face of most trying circumstances, Sergeant Tomkins displayed courage, coolness and resource of a high order.

Air Ministry, 23rd January, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commanders.

John Lawrence Hillel BERLANDINA, D.F.C. (46778), R.A.F., 114 Sqn.

Arthur Keith PASSMORE, D.F.C. (40939), R.A.F.O., 18 Sqn.

William PITT-BROWN, D.F.C. (33348), R.A.F.

Squadron Leader.

Peter William de Bordenave FORSYTH, D.F.C. (41008), R.A.F.O., 37 Sqn.

Acting Squadron Leader.

Michael Roscoe INGLE FINCH, D.F.C., A.F.C. (84328), R.A.F.V.R., 175 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenant.

George Andrew MARTIN, D.F.C. (128646), R.A.F.V.R., 73 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Squadron Leaders.

Robert Norman BROCKMAN (103546), R.A.F.V.R., 117 Sqn.

Ian Ronald KROHN (41714), R.A.F.O., 221 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Colin CHRYSTALL (46538), R.A.F., 243 Sqn.

Anthony Charles William FAIRHEAD (127888), R.A.F.V.R., 184 Sqn.

John William FROST (126954), R.A.F.V.R., 175 Sqn.
 Roger Willan HALL (120472), R.A.F.V.R., 268 Sqn.
 Hair Conrad Vauchan HAWKER (119864),
 R.A.F.V.R., 683 Sqn.
 Donald Edward LLEWELLYN (120358), R.A.F.V.R.,
 74 Sqn.
 Charles Horatio MUGGERIDGE (65507), R.A.F.V.R.,
 37 Sqn.
 Anthony John REEVES (60099), R.A.F.V.R., 74 Sqn.
 Kenneth Cornwell ROLLS (104416), R.A.F.V.R., 34
 Sqn.
 Henry Maurice SCOTT (123247), R.A.F.V.R., 125
 Sqn.

Flying Officers.

Patrick James BOOTHMAN (139973), R.A.F.V.R.,
 178 Sqn.
 John Renny HARVEY (148543), R.A.F.V.R., 225
 Sqn.
 Thomas Henry Frank KIMBERLEY (177918),
 R.A.F.V.R.
 Donald Walter RAY (156105), R.A.F.V.R., 604 Sqn.
 Albert James SANDERS (141091), R.A.F.V.R., 117
 Sqn.
 Patrick Joseph SMITH (174759), R.A.F.V.R., 409
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Leonard Edmund Henry WILLIAMS (148552),
 R.A.F.V.R., 225 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

James Harry BIRD (184015), R.A.F.V.R., 104 Sqn.
 Silvanus Arthur HARRIS (187557), R.A.F.V.R., 69
 Sqn.
 Kenneth James REYNOLDS (184034), R.A.F.V.R., 37
 Sqn.
 Leonard THORPE (186650), R.A.F.V.R., 184 Sqn.

Warrant Officer.

Edward DAVIDSON (1286268), R.A.F.V.R., 249 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Flight Sergeant.

1376328 Leonard Alfred SMITH, R.A.F.V.R., 152
 Sqn.

Sergeants.

1579708 Norman BASS, R.A.F.V.R., 37 Sqn.
 1602833 Arthur Trevor KIMBER, R.A.F.V.R., 37
 Sqn.
 1567443 Andrew WILSON, R.A.F.V.R., 178 Sqn.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Acting Wing Commander.

Milton Jeffrey MOORE (Aus.402804), 454 (R.A.A.F.)
 Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Ernest Martin FROST (Aus.407420), 113 Sqn.
 James Arthur IRWIN (Aus.425309), 40 Sqn.

Flying Officer.

Arnold Maxwell Seymour DUNCAN (Aus.406473), 117
 Sqn.

Pilot Officers.

Fred Foster COWPE (Aus.412491), 453 (R.A.A.F.)
 Sqn.
 Melliar Roy PRIEST (Aus.416363), 458 (R.A.A.F.)
 Sqn.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Service Order.

Squadron Leader.

Oliver Charles KALLIO, D.F.C. (Can/J.6494), 417
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Wing Commander.

Lawson Hunter RANDALL (Can/C.834), 413
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flight Lieutenants.

Donald Wallwin BANTING (Can/J.10809), 438
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Robert Ellsworth COFFEY (Can/J.10256), 438
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Harvey Alexander CRAWFORD (Can/J.15545), 411
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Thomas Hancel DEAN (Can/J.13104), 184 Sqn.
 Roy Heath HUNTER (Can/J.5037), 42 Sqn.
 Lorin Wilmont METCALFE (Can/J.11553), 184 Sqn.
 John Maxwell PORTZ (Can/J.15613), 411 (R.C.A.F.)
 Sqn.

Acting Flight Lieutenants.

James Easson HOGG (Can/J.21119), 439 (R.C.A.F.)
 Sqn.
 George Franklin MERCER (Can/J.17795), 411
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.

Flying Officers.

George Philip Alcide BODARD (Can/J.86079), 410
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 Charles Lebert BURGESS (Can/J.21143), 439
 (R.C.A.F.) Sqn.
 James Pyle JESSEE (Can/J.26908), 184 Sqn.
 Arthur Ray LEHMAN (Can/J.21858), 681 Sqn.

Pilot Officer.

Alexander Donald FRASER (Can/J.90500), 37 Sqn.

INDIAN AIR FORCE.

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross.

Squadron Leader.

Karun Krishna MAJUMDAR, D.F.C. (Ind.1555),
 268 Sqn.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flying Officers.

Anand Ramdass PANDIT (Ind.1707), 1 (I.A.F.) Sqn.
 RAMACHANDRA RAO (Ind.1726), 1 (I.A.F.) Sqn.

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Flight Lieutenant.

Claude Rafel STEPHENSON (N.Z.411511), 117 Sqn.

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieutenant-Colonel.

Ralph Hay AITCHISON (102820V), 30 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Major.

Elkin SAID (47429V), 30 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Captains.

Hugh Victor BARFIELD (47207V), 15 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Robert Cecil HIRST (103518V), 250 Sqn.
 Herbert George LEE (48107V), 24 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Roy Thomas ROGERS (205719V), 260 Sqn.
 Gerald ROSENTHAL (542430V), 178 Sqn.
 Cyril Max STEINBERG (312774V), 30 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Francis Goodhope THOMPSON (206853V), 30
 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.

Acting Captain.

Benjamin Charles HARDING (103799V), 24 (S.A.A.F.)
 Sqn.

Lieutenants.

Aine Frans CLOETE (103935V), 31 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.
 Norman Eric HAYMAN (328353V), 178 Sqn.
 Roy Barr McKECHNIE (208585V), 2 (S.A.A.F.) Sqn.,
 with effect from 13th September, 1944.

The above awards are in recognition of gallantry
 and devotion to duty in the execution of air
 operations.

Air Ministry, 23rd January, 1945.

The KING has granted unrestricted permission for
 the wearing of the undermentioned decorations con-
 ferred upon the personnel indicated in recognition of
 valuable services rendered in connection with the
 war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Bronze Star Medal.

Acting Squadron Leader Norman Fraser McMICHAEL
 (101224), R.A.F.V.R.

Soldiers Medal.

615661 Corporal Gerard CULLEN, R.A.F.
1262394 Corporal Thomas Charles William LING,
R.A.F.V.R.
1400983 Leading Aircraftman Douglas Noel GILBERT,
R.A.F.V.R.

AMENDMENT.

In notification of 1st January, 1945 (New Year Honours) (mentions in despatches, p. 68, col. 1) Acting Squadron Leaders for "G. THRONBER (89158), R.A.F.V.R.," read "G. THORNER (89158), R.A.F.V.R."

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